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IN THE STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 8224

Toru SUZUKI et al. : Docket No. 2001-0554A

Serial No. 09/854,528 : Group Art Unit 1731

Filed May 15, 2001 : Examiner John M. Hoffman

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MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF : Mail Stop AF

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE UNDER 37. CFR 1.116

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Sir: EXAMINING GROUP 1731 -

Responsive to the Office Action of July 30, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: